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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

18. (Amended) A method of preparing luminescent screens, comprising:

- providing a substrate having columns of a single-crystalline material, the single-crystalline material having a predetermined crystallization temperature;
- depositing an intermediate material on the substrate, wherein the intermediate material is non-luminescent and is selected to be liquid at the crystallization temperature of the single-crystalline material; and
- depositing a luminescent material on the substrate, wherein the luminescent material is different from the intermediate material.

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